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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 3, 2002 in which the Examiner rejected claims 2, 4, 6-11, 13, 15-18, 20, 22-25, 29, 30, and 32-37 as anticipated (35 U.S.C. §102) by prior art and allowed claims 3-5, 12, 14, 21, 26, 28, and 31. Applicants have rewritten claims 19 in independent form because the Examiner found that claim 19 would be allowed if written in independent form, amended claim 10 to correct a minor error, and changed the dependency of claim 4.

IN THE CLAIMS

Add claim 38.

Claims 4, 10, 19 are amended as follows and as shown in the attached "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made", submitted pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121.

4. (Amended) The medium feeding apparatus of claim 2, wherein the align rollers have a non-circular cross section for feeding the medium.

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